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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Debashis BHATTACHARYA et al.
Serial No.: 09/896,059
For: METHODS FOR AUTOMATED DESIGN OF INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS WITH TARGETED QUALITY OBJECTIVES USING
DYNAMICALLY GENERATED BUILDING BLOCKS
Filed: June 29, 2006
Examiner: A.M. THOMPSON
Art Unit: 2825
Confirmation No.: 9475
Customer No.: 27,623 Attorney Docket No.: 162.7107USU

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated February 9, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 72 | Minus | 72 | 0 | x \$50.00 | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 8 | Minus | 8 | 0 | x \$200.00 | \$ |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | x \$360.00 = \$ | | |
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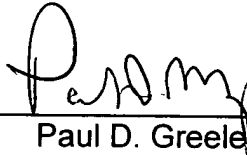
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

 A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

May 9, 2006

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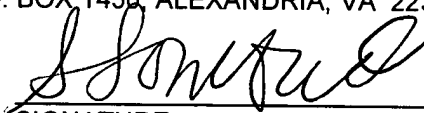
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated February 9, 2006, please enter the following amendments in the consideration of the above patent application.

Amendment to the claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 17.